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by Guido ROELS <on6rl@tornado.be>  
23) BA poem  
by "Neal McEwen, K5RW" <nmcewen@metronet.com>

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Date: Fri, 14 Nov 1997 21:54:09 -0800  
From: Edward Zeranski <ejz@nosc.mil>  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Cc: skywaves@bw.webex.net  
Subject: Re: Thanks to (who?) for the repair tip!  
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971114215409.006e05f4@marlin.nosc.mil>

At 09:51 PM 11/14/97 -0500, you wrote:

>Anchorites,

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> The original post on replacing caps by twisting "pig tails" in the leads of the new components and sleeving them on the leads of the old ones was mine.

Well here goes... I don't usually get into this...but...I thought the original 'pigtail' post was based on doing a repair to save a set when there was a chance that a "back to original" unsolder/resolder might damage a non replaceable component.

Folks ya' gotta play it by ear! I guess doing the "dust scrape for King Tut radio job" is ok and I've done that on some radios. If you find a really cool great shape set and it deserves that treatment then I'm the first to sweat blood with an Antec iron and magnifier to try to get the casualty out, a replacement in, and make it look undisturbed. As the old chief said "Move fast, stay low, check six!"....in other words don't leave tracks. On the other hand most of the radios I have and a lot of what I work/worked on have been utility items not jewels. The \$15 NC-183D I got at a swapmeet will never be a collectors item but, by damn, I can make it work. There are coils etc in the set that are on the edge physically that I shouldn't try to solder near or handle but.... if I do something like the "Pigtail" number the ugly bastard will actually work just like 1953 even if it ain't pretty. Same with old Mil gear. Right now I have three TCS sets that are WAY better than any I had/worked in Vietnam and those old things were actually running missions. Chances are if I pick up another ( Oh perish the thought!) it will be one that I had to scab together 30 years ago. Guess the bottom line is don't get prissy about what it takes to make things work, don't get sloppy, just don't get prissy. Make it work is what

counts even if the thing will never be original. As all the "good" stuff gets sucked up we will miss a lot if we don't try to save some "beaters".

Bos'n! Pipe the soapbox secured!

Ed Zeranski This is a private opinion or statement.  
home email: ezeran@cris.com

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Date: Fri, 14 Nov 1997 22:41:50 -0600 (CST)  
From: Don Reaves <dr@cei.net>  
To: "BoatAnchor's List" <boatanchors@sco.theporch.com>  
Subject: FS: Radiological Survey Meters  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.91.971114222654.4797A-100000@kc5jh.reaves.net>

I screwed up my post to the BA list, offering these meters. I had no idea they would be so popular, and so I don't want to leave any one out who only gets this list or the digests. All the units I had on hand have been spoken for, but I should be able to get at least another 20 units. Let me know if you would like one. I will advise you Wednesday.

This is what I intended to post last night:

Found a bunch of these at the local state surplus facility. I had to buy several to get one for myself. This thing takes me back to junior high school days and 'under the desk' civil defense drills. I pulled this out at a parking lot and proceeded to 'survey'. Fun to watch the reaction of people, especially those my age who remember these.

Unused, in the box, Civil Defense Radiological Survey Meters, Victoreen CD V-717, Model 1. From the manual, "Designed to determine radioactive contamination levels that may result from an enemy attack or other nuclear disaster." Ranges from 100 milliroentgens per Hr to 500 R/Hr. Transistor switching power supply, with a VX86 electrometer triode vacuum tube. Sealed ion chamber. 150 hours operation from a single D cell. Made in 1964. Beautiful CD yellow. Offered ASIS, as I have no way of simulating a nuclear blast for testing, and I've misplaced all my plutonium. My R-390A meters barely register on the most sensitive range. Full documentation. \$20 shipped. Money back if you aren't happy with the unit.

Don Reaves WA5BBS  
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N. Little Rock, AR 72120

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 97 06:57:29 UT  
From: "Tom Bridgers" <Tarheel6@classic.msn.com>  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: Trade FRR-59A for R-390  
Message-ID: <UPMAIL09.199711150656130831@classic.msn.com>

I purchased a FRR-59A with the idea that I would get this 250 pound monster working. Over a year has passed and my interests are solidly in the R-390 and R-390A camp, and I haven't touched the 59A. I don't know whether it works or not. I bought it from Rick Mish, who said it would take a minor fix-up to get it going... It's in good condition.

This receiver has 64 tubes and covers 2-32 MHz. It has the reputation among some to be National's best receiver.

I'd like to trade it for a R-390 receiver, and am willing to deliver it within 150 miles of Greensboro NC. I'm open to other deals and trades...

thanks and 73's  
-tom KE4RHH

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 01:18:48 -0500  
From: John Ward <ke2st@frontiernet.net>  
To: <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: 2 MTR. AM Fun.....  
Message-ID: <199711150706.CAA46570@node21.frontiernet.net>

Robert S. Ross wrote:  
> Tonight I made my first transmission on 2 Meter AM!! Thanks go to Paul  
> Bocci K9NO, for supplying me with a couple of Crystals for my Clegg 22'er  
> (Circa 1964). <snip>

Good show, guys. I wish we were closer, I'd fire up the Communicator 2.

> I am using a cool Electrovoice 664 Mic as well. This is a special EV  
> 664 mic I recently picked up from Kathleen Smith VE3WKW.....but this  
> one is Factory Painted GREY....and was supposed to be the "Non Glare  
> Model"...

The Grey painted mikes are for TV use, where non-glare takes priority over cool-chrome; if you can get into your local TV broadcaster's Techno-morgue you might find more of them. The drab but near-indestructible (except by a



Date: Fri, 14 Nov 1997 22:16:11 -1000  
From: Jeffrey Herman <jeffreyh@hawaii.edu>  
To: Boatanchors List <boatanchors@sco.theporch.com>  
Subject: Globe Scout questions  
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.95q.971114215735.8075F-100000@uhunix5>

Hi Gang - The manual for my Globe Scout xmtr states that if the user wishes to use a VFO in place of an xtal, the VFO should have 10-50v RF output. I'm puzzled - the VFO is taking the place of a near-passive component (the xtal) whose "output" is probably on the millivolt scale. I'm wondering if the 10-50v requirement is to match the voltage that's being applied across the xtal causing it to vibrate.

Thanks in advance,  
Jeff KH2PZ / KH6 (a 21-year General still asking Novice questions)

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 09:43:19 -0000  
From: "OZ8RO" <otterstad@inet.uni-c.dk>  
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: BC-224 AX give away  
Message-ID: <199711150941.KAA14083@inet.uni2.dk>

Rag Otterstad OZ8RO in Copenhagen suburb of Birkerod.

Also JW5HE LA5HE. Previously held:G5BHQ HB9XCG

Collector of W.W.2 German military radio sets, Clandestine sets all periods.

QRA : Hosterkobvej 10. DK 3460 Birkerod  
Tel ---45- 4281 5205 evenings.  
Daytime tel. ---45 - 4497 3366

I work for MEC A/S, manufacturer of high quality and good looking pushbutton switches.  
If you are designing electronics equipment please check our home page :  
<http://www.mec.dk>

I have this transmitter, with no tuning unit but otherwise OK, with shock mount.  
No use for it here, but perhaps somebody over there would have an interest,  
but must be willing to pay for packing and shipping / of own choice.

73 Rag oz8ro in Copenhagen

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 07:35:14 -0500 (GMT-0500)  
From: L & M <toneri@ils.net>  
To: radiorob@serix.com  
Cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: 2 MTR. AM Fun.....  
Message-ID: <199711151235.HAA10488@server1.ils.net>

At 12:18 AM 11/15/97 GMT, Robert S. Ross wrote:

>Hello BA'ers:

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> Tonight I made my first transmission on 2 Meter AM!! Thanks go to Paul  
>Bocci K9NO, for supplying me with a couple of Crystals for my Clegg 22'er  
>(Circa 1964). I picked up the Clegg 22'er at the Port Huron Hamfest this  
>past summer...but didn't have any crytals for transmit...til Paul came to  
>the rescue. My pal Al....VA3LX in St. Thomas, Ont. (about 15 miles south of  
>me), says I was putting in a good signal...and the audio was superb. He was  
>listening on a Gonset Communicator 3.

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I'll keep my ears open for your 2M AM signal Bob. What frequency are you  
operting on and what antenna (vertical or horizontal polarization)? I have  
about 500 watts on 2M AM here with a 19 element horizontal Yagi at 70 feet  
or a 4 element vertical Yagi at 35 feet. Rig is a 767GX and Johnson 6N2  
Thunderbolt.

73...Mike VE3FGU

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Mike & Lynda Toneri E-mail: toneri@ils.net

Keswick, Ontario

WEBPAGE: <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/meadows/8218>

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Date: Fri, 14 Nov 1997 22:25:08 -0600  
From: rlahlum@juno.com (Ross J Lahlum)  
To: ac5p@ionet.net  
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: Thanks to (who?) for the repair tip!  
Message-ID: <19971115.074021.8838.0.rlahlum@juno.com>

>>> Not in my radio you don't! Solder wick and lots of patience equals  
>>>craftsmanship.

>I guess it all depends on whether you want a radio that works well  
>electrically,  
>or one that looks good on the underside.

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>For those who like the wiring to look good, how do you display it  
>where it can  
>be admired?

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The craftsmanship is a big part of the appeal of BAs for me, especially the military stuff. The amount of time, skill & pride that went into building them seems like a thing of the past when you look at today's consumer products. Well, OK, good manufacturers expend a lot of engineering effort to get their yields up and defects down. That's good, and something to take pride in.

But there is more of the individual craftsman (or more accurately craftswoman on most of those assembly lines) in the old BAs. Think of the pride they must have taken in doing their part for the war effort. Could they have slept at night knowing they didn't do their best?

Knowing that, you really should take the best possible care in doing repairs & restoration to give the radio and its builders proper respect. As for showing off the workmanship, I have pondered that, too, but then it's a special thrill to open up something that you know hasn't been seen in years and marvel at the workmanship.

73,  
Ross KB9JJR

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 07:33:22 -0600  
From: "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@lobo.net>  
To: BoatAnchors <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Cc: John Kolb <jlkolb@cts.com>  
Subject: Collins Mechanical Filter  
Message-ID: <346DA49F.3067@lobo.net>

This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Collins Mechanical Filter: F 84 Z 4 / 1 S 2 / 526 9196 00

This is a BIG horse of a filter; bandpass seems to be 80-84 kHz..more or less. I put a query out, and John Kolb was nice enough to reply, as below.

If anyone can use it, I've got ten bucks into it..that plus \$3 for Priority, and it's yours

Herb Rosenthal W5AN

herbrose@lobo.net

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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Content-Description: SimpleText Document

Content-Disposition: inline; filename="Re What's this one??"

Subject: Re: What's this one??

Date: Fri, 14 Nov 1997 23:53:01 -0600

From: "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@lobo.net>

To: John Kolb <jlkolb@cts.com>

John Kolb wrote:

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> On Fri, 14 Nov 1997, Herbert M. Rosenthal wrote:

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> > John, a monemt of your time, when you have it, please..

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> > >What's this one, what's it from, and who might want it?

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> > > Collins Mechanical Filter: F 84 Z 4 / 1 S 2 / 526 9196 00

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> I don't have any specific info on a F84Z-4, but in general it would

> be a lower sideband filter with a 84 kHz carrier freq. Families of

> filters with carrier freqs of 64, 68, 72, ... 108 kHz were used

> to combine 12 different telephone company channels into a single

> broadband RF carrier. Could then be further combined in a wider

> signal and/or sent over coax as is or used to modulate a microwave

> transmission for long distance point to point calls.

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> Similiar families are rated at 2.9 kHz at -1 db, 6.5@-60 for a 526-9401-000  
> aor 3.70 kHz @-2 & 9.20@-60 for a 526-9459-000.  
>  
> Haven't seen any demand for these sorts of filters. They could  
> be used to built a SSB transmitter or receiver, and there was some mention  
> recently on using one in a NC-300 which has a 80 kHz IF.  
> SInce a 84 kHz LSB filter would pass from 81 or so to about  
> 83.7 kHz, might be usable with some retuning of the reciever.  
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> While these would be dirt cheap filters, if wanting cheap  
> filters for a custom design, I would prefer filters with  
> a 250 or 300 kHz freq, where filters with both SSB and AM  
> bandwidths could be found cheaply.  
>  
> John  
>  
> > >Its about an inch in diameter and 5 1/4" long with three solder loops at  
> > >each end (ground and two active pins).Usual orange and black decal  
> > >label.  
> > >  
> > >Thanks very much in advance for any info you might have.  
> > >Herb Rosenthal W5AN  
> > herbrose@lobo.net  
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John,

Yhanks again for your time. I put it on the bench today, with a scope  
and a sig gen..and I think you hit the nail right on the head...I had  
output from 80 to 84 KC, according to my counter.. I'll throw it up on  
BA and see whether anyone needs it.

Herb Rosenthal W5AN

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 09:55:59 -0500 (EST)  
From: DCrespy@aol.com  
To: boatanchors@sco.theporch.com  
Subject: Knobs  
Message-ID: <971115095559\_-1475954182@mrin45.mail.aol.com>

Still looking for a knob set for my Hallicrafters S-53 (otherwise a near  
perfect example!)..

At this point I'd go for leads on replacement knobs that are CLOSE in

appearance.

There are 3 knobs about 1" dia and 2 about 1.5 to 1.75" diameter. They are black and cylindrical with a 'knurled' surface on the o.d. and have a recessed face. I think they are the same as for the original S-38 series.

Tech America has some knobs that look close..IF the bright disks covering the face of the knob can be 'popped' off.

Can anyone help.. originals..leads on replacements... or experience with the Tech America knobs ???

Thanks

Harry KG5LO  
Saline MI

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 11:35:16 -0500 (EST)  
From: W4UOC@aol.com  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: WTB Murch 2000-B Manual  
Message-ID: <971115113516\_86909459@mrin58.mail.aol.com>

I recently acquired a Murch 2000-B roller inductor 160-10 meter antenna tuner. I works great but I would like to find a manual or copy if one exists. I have had in the past another Murch tuner but it was basically for 10-80 meters (green case) I had never seen or know this model which has a black front panel, meter and gray hammertone case

Tom Koch - W4UOC  
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w4uoc@aol.com

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 11:35:20 -0500 (EST)  
From: W4UOC@aol.com  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: WTB Viking 122 VFO  
Message-ID: <971115113520\_2104950676@mrin84.mail.aol.com>

I have recently restored a basketcase Viking II and am currently using a Heathkit VF-1 vfo with it. I would like to find a Viking 122 vfo if anyone has an extra they would part with.

Tom Koch - W4UOC  
8170 Habersham Waters Road  
Dunwoody, GA 30350

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 17:18:43 +0000  
From: Billy Wiggins <bwiggg@worldnet.att.net>  
To: boatanchors@sco.theporch.com  
Cc: baswaplist@foothill.net  
Subject: FS: PP4763 28v 50amp supply  
Message-ID: <19971115171840.AAA21121@LOCALNAME>

I have for sale a 28 volt 50 amp PP4763 power supply. Supplies 50 amps continuous duty. Has meters for 0 to 30 volts and 0 to 80 amps. See latest fair catalog for picture and full description.

Do to the weight of about 140lbs I am unable to ship unit. So it's a pickup only in Albany, Ga.

Price \$150

Thanks,

Billy  
Albany, Ga

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 10:51:32 -0600  
From: Ronnie Hull <w5sum@ms1.nwla.com>  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: 10Meters  
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19971115105132.00797de0@ms1.nwla.com>

I've been calling CQ for quite sometime on 29.010 this morning. There is a little band opening on 10 from my area, but have had not responses at all.

Had quite a lively roundtable going on 3885 this morning and around midnite last night.

so... where are all the 10 meter AM ops?

Ronnie - W5SUM

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 10:59:58 -0700  
From: Dexter Francis <cwest@xmission.com>  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: New place to sell your BA gear.  
Message-ID: <346DE31B.957@xmission.com>

Greetings all-

What with the recent reminders from Jack and an upgrade to my ISP and web site, I've decided to convert an area of my web page to a for sale section for Boatanchors members. Some of you have already seen the site (URL reference below). What I'm offering to do for the crew is post pictures and text of gear that you would normally post to the group via boatanchors. Think of it as an electronic BA Yellow Sheet or EBay without the auction aspect. You may submit text, or text and a photo. I will post it on the site in the Garage Sale area. (If any of you feel like compensating me for the service, we can discuss it offline.)

My main intention is to provide the group a way to get pictures and accurate descriptions of their FS gear into a central location, provide an alternative to EBay and offload the list from some of the For Sale postings. I can also take regular photos of your gear and scan them, so an electronic image is not necessary.

If you'd like to submit FS items to the site, e-mail me the description and your contact information (e-mail address at the least) and a e-photo if you have one. I'll post it to the site. You do the rest.

-df

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Visit our Web site at <http://www.xmission.com/~cwest/>  
e-mail to: tubes@usa.net -or- cwest@xmission.com  
(P.O. Box 22443, Salt Lake City, Utah 84122)

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 97 12:06:05 -0500  
From: "Joseph W. Pinner" <kc5ijd@sprintmail.com>  
To: "Boatanchor 1" <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: used 4-125As FS  
Message-ID: <199711151757.JAA04721@mailgate32>

I have a number of used/untested 4-125As which I do not need. Physically

they are OK and the filaments have continuity.

\$ 14 each or 2 for \$ 25 shipped.

73

Joseph W Pinner  
Lafayette, LA  
KC5IJD  
EMail: kc5ijd@sprintmail.com

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 18:26:02 +0000  
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>  
To: Joel Govostes <jwg6@CORNELL.EDU>, boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: modulation of low power rigs like DX-60  
Message-ID: <19971115182600.AAA13346@LOCALNAME>

At 03:38 PM 11/15/97 +0000, you wrote:

>The popular low-power phone/cw rigs of DX-60 / Knight T-60 (etc.) vinage  
>were AFAIK not plate-modulated. I was wondering -- what was/is the  
>advantage to the modulation methods used in rigs of that genre, opposed to  
>plate modulation??

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>Was there some preferred aspect to the screen modulation (or whatever it  
>was)...? Is it not as "good" as plate modulation, and if so, why not? Was  
>the modulator-circuit more or less just thrown into a basically cw-novice  
>transmitter, to allow for merely adequate voice capability (for novices  
>eventually upgrading to general class)?

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>Thanks for any comments...

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>JWG

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The modulation method used in the "clamp tube" or "controlled carrier" type modulators is not as efficient or effective as old fashioned high level "plate modulation". What the DX-60 and its counterparts and relatives use is a form of screen modulation. The reason for using this method are numerous, but primarily for economy in cost. All one has to do is look at the complexity of a rig like the Viking Ranger and the DX-60 to realize that the cost of making the Ranger is much more than the DX-60!

If you don't think you can afford something that will run higher power with plate modulation, very satisfactory operation can be had with the screen modulated rigs and a properly adjusted and driven linear amplifier. One thing a lot of people don't realize is that you are simply

not going to get a kilowatt of carrier (and modulation) out of a 1 kw PEP output linear amplifier! The PEP of a properly adjusted plate modulated AM signal is about 3 times the carrier level. I have a Henry 2K-2 that will easily deliver 1-1.5 Kw. out on CW. I have used it on AM and it sounds very good driven with an AM rig at no more than 350 watts output resting "carrier" level. This translates to slightly over 1 KW PEP with full modulation. My DX-60 will drive it very nicely and has a lot of punch thru the Henry as well.

To summarize, yes, in some instances the screen modulation scheme was thrown in to boost sales and offer entry level and low income amateurs a way to get on "phone" economically.

No, it is not as effective as plate modulation, but will get the job done.

Yes, it does make for a more compact and lighter transmitter.

It's the old "You takes your chioce and pays your money" thing.

I hope this helps!

73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW

"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"

417 Ridgewood Drive

Metairie, LA., 70001

\*\*860 Hartley 'ECO' under construction\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\* Looking for a TRC-10 transceiver \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\* looking for an RAL receiver \*\*\*\*\*

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 13:28:43 -0500

From: "Roecker, Greg" <greg.roecker@lmco.com>

To: w5sum@ms1.nwla.com, boatanchors@theporch.com

Subject: RE: 10Meters

Message-ID: <716897408033D111BA8C0000F805CC8425F723@emss04m07.ems.lmco.com>

I'm there also . . . 29.000. I've called a couple of times but no  
replies . . . using a B&W5100 . . . I'll listen on 29.010 also . . .

73,

Greg Roecker / N40SJ

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Greg Roecker / N40SJ

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Roswell, Georgia  
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Phone: 770.552.0640

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> From: Ronnie Hull[SMTP:w5sum@ms1.nwla.com]  
> Reply To: w5sum@ms1.nwla.com  
> Sent: Saturday, November 15, 1997 11:51 AM  
> To: Old Tube Radios  
> Subject: 10Meters  
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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 13:30:36 -0500  
From: marty@aa4rm.radio.org (Marty R's latest)  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: WTB Hi Fi Simplified  
Message-ID: <199711151830.NAA19100@aa4rm>

This is a 1950 Gernsbach book I lost with the newspapers here.

It's 5" x 8", abt. 100 pg.s, and it's paper cover is blue/gray/  
white.

I'd promised a freind a read, now this.

Hope someone has one, a-hope, a-hope.

TKS all,

Marty

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 12:42:34 -0600 (CST)  
From: berg stephen erik <z931086@corn.cso.niu.edu>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: RE: Thanks to (who?) for the repair tip!  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9711151255.A10208-0100000@corn.cso.niu.edu>

While I try to keep things original as much as possible, there are times when it might be necessary to splice leads. I have a Johnson Thunderbolt HF linear, and, of course, all the electrolytics have gone to their final electrical resting place. I vaporized two of the fuses on the 220 line in the rig when I fired it up for the first test. The new capacitors are much smaller than the old ones, and the leads do not reach the original tie points in some instances. What is one to do? Splice in the original wire? Or, do we have to find period wire and put that in. Having worked as a production tech for a major radio manufacturing firm in the distant past, I find the originality fanatics rather amusing. The onus was on we peons to ship as much product out the door as possible. The company cut every cost corner they could to do just that. We fought to \*increase\* the quality of the product, and did what we could to see that the customer got the best we could provide for their money. This may have been the official company policy, but it was up to us to argue with production management to enforce it against the prevailing attitude there which was "if it fits in the carton, ship it." I often wonder whether someone, somewhere, is restoring one of my old radios, and insisting on proper period components. The sad fact is that any product is built to a price. The very components that we have to replace constantly on our favorite equipment is testament to that. If we can replace those lousy wax paper tubular caps with something orders of magnitude better, but the new leads do not reach, by all means, splice them appropriately. You might well be doing what the original engineers wish they could have specified at the original design phase, but could not do so due to market or beancounter realities. I finally replaced all of the capacitors in my Hallicrafters T.O. Keyer, and it probably works better than it did when new. It sure runs better now than it did for the first 10 years I owned it.

73,

Steve WA9JML

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 19:21:09 +0000  
From: Guido ROELS <on6rl@tornado.be>  
To: boatanchors@sco.theporch.com  
Subject: Spy-set info wanted

Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971115192109.214f8116@mailhost.tornado.be>

Hello everyone, a friend of mine is the owner of what we believe is a spy-set. The set is manufactured by the - THE M.I.C.O. Co. Ltd LONDON - as indicated on a metal name-plate. The set consist of rx and tx units and a power supply housed

in a dark gray metal box with a handle on one side. The dimensions are about 50 cm H, 30 cm W and 20 cm D.

The rx is the well known SET 18 MkIII, tunable from 6 to 9 MHz.

The tx is a S.S.F. MkII ,xtal controlled, two xtals switchable. A EF50 tube is used as oscillator and a 6V6 as power amplifier. The key is fix mounted on the front panel.

The power supply is incorporated in the frame and accepts 12V DC battery or 110/220V AC mains.

Headphones, aerial wire, battery and mains cable are fitted in the cover of the box.

Anyone with some more information about the M.I.C.O. Company, the S.S.F. tx, years or periode of manufacturing and use of the set, etc ???

Best regards de Guido, ON6RL.

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Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 13:15:16 +0000  
From: "Neal McEwen, K5RW" <nmcewen@metronet.com>  
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Subject: BA poem  
Message-ID: <346DA064.5BDE@metronet.com>

FULL CIRCLE

by NR5Q

Joe got his ticket a long time ago,  
A ragged little guy without much dough.  
It was during the depression years, you see,  
If I remember correctly, around 33,  
His first transmitter used a UV-210,  
His home built receicver, a 2 tube regen.

Joes modest antenna-- a wire in a tree,  
Was couped to the tank through a .003.  
He longed for a doublet, a center fed Zepp,  
Old timers told him they had lots of pep.

But insulators and spreaders, they cost money,  
It would take a bit longer to own such a honey.

After working out bugs, he got on the air,  
And reached out OK, to be perfectly fair,  
But Joe longed for more power, crystal controlled.  
He dismantled his station, so Ive been told,  
And started re-building his rig from scratch--  
But it was not long before he ran out of cash.

He was off the air for almost a year,  
Over the Allied catalog, he shed many a tear.  
Hammarlund, Patterson, Pilot, and Silver,  
Each name familiar, to his heart brought a quiver.  
Super Pro, Skyrider, and the National HROs,  
He would know no rest till he owned one of those.

A job after school, earned him enough money,  
To make a down payment on a new Sky Buddy.  
The little five tube super replaced his regen,  
But Joes quest for the best, had only began.  
Out went the 210, replaced by a Tri-Tet,  
His power was lower, but he had a 3 band set.

Well, the new station worked, not great, but good,  
On rare occasions, far from his neighborhood.  
But this was far short, of the station he sought,  
So a sixty foot tower was the next thing he bought.  
On top of the tower, a Mims Signal Squirter  
That Yagi on top was sure to reach further.

Then due to the war, his rig he did store,  
While serving our country, in the Signal Corps.  
He came through the war, with nary a scratch,  
Like most other veterans, he was short on cash.  
>From out of the attic, came his modest station,  
Joe was back on the air, after serving his Nation.

Youre Sigs are S4, out here in the Pacific,  
What are you running OM, please be specific?  
My rig heres a half gallon, a surplus 610,  
With a Meissner Signal Shifter, on the front end.  
My station is powered by a gasoline motor,  
Im turning my beam with a prop pitch rotor.

Joe, sorely embarassed by his modest shack,  
Said, Im re-building here, I just got back,  
>From my tour of duty, across the seas,

I have on order, a pair of 300 Ts.  
Ive just poured a base, for my 100 tower,  
I want to radiate all, of that RF power.

And so it went, for the next thirty years,  
Joe added RF, and a shack full of gear.  
Transmitters by Collins, even a KW-1,  
Some said his desk, supported a ton.  
And when Joe had it all, his ego well fed,  
Solid state gear, reared its ugly head.

Out went the receivers, of Joes childhood,  
Replaced by transcieves, by Icom, and Kenwood.  
No one wanted that old Hollow State gear,  
The prices they fetched, to his eyes brought a tear.  
The KW-1 went with the rest of the stuff,  
He paid 20 bucks to have it hauled to the dump.

Joe now had the best, this gear was great fun,  
Now every CQ, seemed to bring in a rare one.  
No finals to tune, band-switchings a breeze,  
And automatic transmatchers, add to the ease.  
DX was now easy, with packet clusters and all,  
Even a beginner, could soon cover his wall.

But as years slipped by, as they are prone to do,  
Dust gathered deep, on the Kenwood and Yaesu.  
Dx lost its luster, it was no longer fun,  
Thanks to policemen, jammers, and lids by the ton.  
They covered DX, like garbage in a dump,  
Sending over and over, their stupid, UP, UP, UP....

One fine day at Dayton, while visiting with Jim,  
A ham came up, and started talking AM.  
AMs dead and buried, it died long ago,  
It died with bugs and boatanchors, said our hero Joe.  
Youre wrong, my friend, said the visiting stranger,  
If you think its dead, just try buying a Ranger.

Home-brewing is also regaining its health,  
And a few old bugs, add greatly to ones wealth.  
Hams young and old are beginning to see,  
There is a lot of life left in those old SW-3s.  
Hollow state gear is bringing big dough,  
As hams re-discover the joys of Elerctric Radio.

So as this story goes, it came to pass,  
Jim bought three rigs, with tubes of glass.

Now, AM to Jim, was certainly no stranger,  
His first purchase that day, was a Johnson Ranger.  
Followed by a HRO, with coils, and a speaker,  
To sit beside his Ranger, as his signal seeker.

Back home at last, in ways more than one,  
Jim cleared off his desk and prepared for the fun.  
Kenwoods and Icoms, they were moved aside,  
And replaced by receivers with panels 19 inches wide,  
Now one would think Jims station, was ready to run,  
But hell never by happy, till he finds a KW-1.

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A WWW Page for Telegraph Key Collectors and Historians  
[http://fohnix.metronet.com/~nmcewen/tel\\_off.html](http://fohnix.metronet.com/~nmcewen/tel_off.html)

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